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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding appointment of Chief of Defence Staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No, sir. The matter is under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As the issues involved in the appointment of Chief of Defence Staff are complex and sensitive in nature, a process of consultation with various political parties has been initiated with a view of having wider consultation. In view of the above, no time limit for taking a decision in the matter can be specified at this stage.